

# Marine Fisheries

## Fish Dealer License

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The license authorizes a North Carolina resident entity (individual or business) with a physical location within North Carolina to buy fish for resale from any person who holds a valid commercial fishing license. Fishermen who sell their own harvested catch to the public are required to have a Fish Dealer License. The dealer can only deal in each category designated on the license, example: finfish, crab, etc.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To license and identify individuals and businesses purchasing fish or shellfish from licensed fishermen. Licensed Fish Dealers are required to report all transactions on trip tickets and supply these to the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) on a monthly basis.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, License and Statistics Section.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** Fees are based on the number of categories.

- \$100 - oysters
- \$100 - clams
- \$100 - scallops
- \$100 - hard or soft crabs
- \$100 - shrimp
- \$100 - finfish
- \$600 - consolidated dealers license
- \$100 - new fish dealer application fee
- \$12.50 - replacement fee

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review required for this license.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

**Notes/Comments:** This license is non-transferable and non-assignable. Any North Carolina resident may obtain this license for locations within North Carolina. Nonresidents are not eligible for this license.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.3, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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